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COPPER KIDD BEATS THE ODDS

NOT EVERY MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF A SILVERHAWK IS SPENT FACING LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS...

OTHERWISE THERE WOULDN'T BE A REC-ROOM IN HAWK-HAVEN, AND NO ONE WOULD HAVE ANY FREE TIME...

GO FISH!

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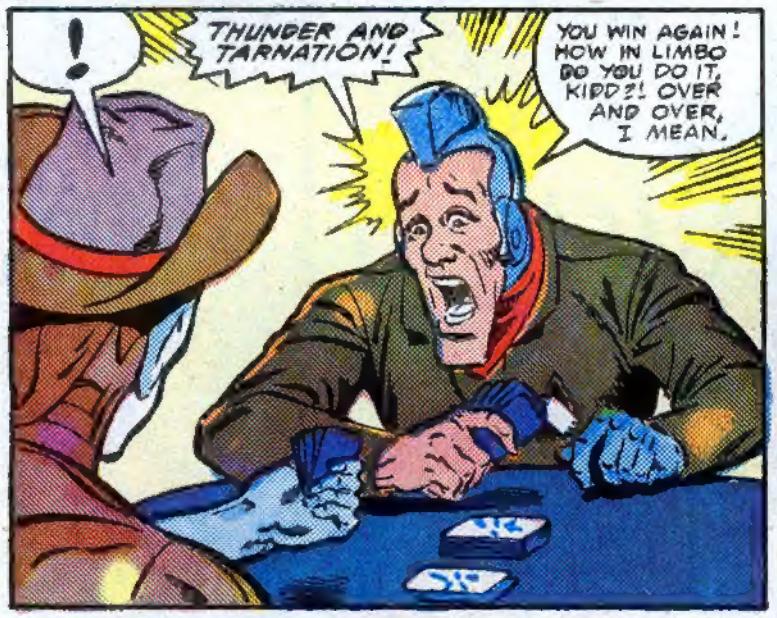
I GOT YOU WRAPPED UP TIGHTER THAN A STEER AT BRANDING TIME, COPPER KIDD! HAW!
BLIPBLEEP... BIP BLIP... BEEP...
Y UR CALCULATOR WON'T HELP YOU NOW! I'M FINALLY GONNA WIN ME ONE'A THESE HERE GAMES...

HEY KIDD, WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?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THUNDER AND TARNATION!
YOU WIN AGAIN! HOW IN LIMBO DO YOU DO IT, KIDD?! OVER AND OVER, I MEAN.

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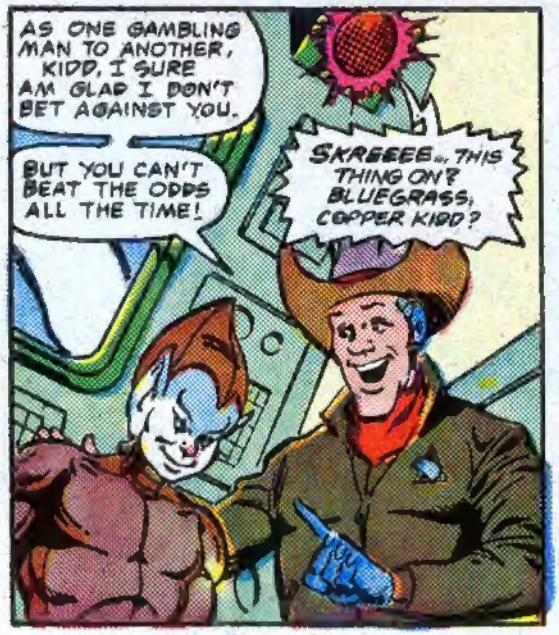
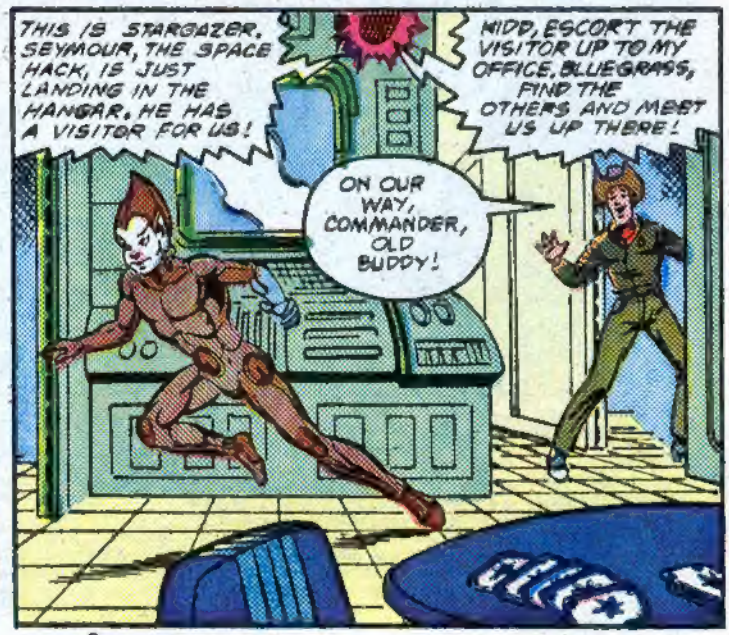
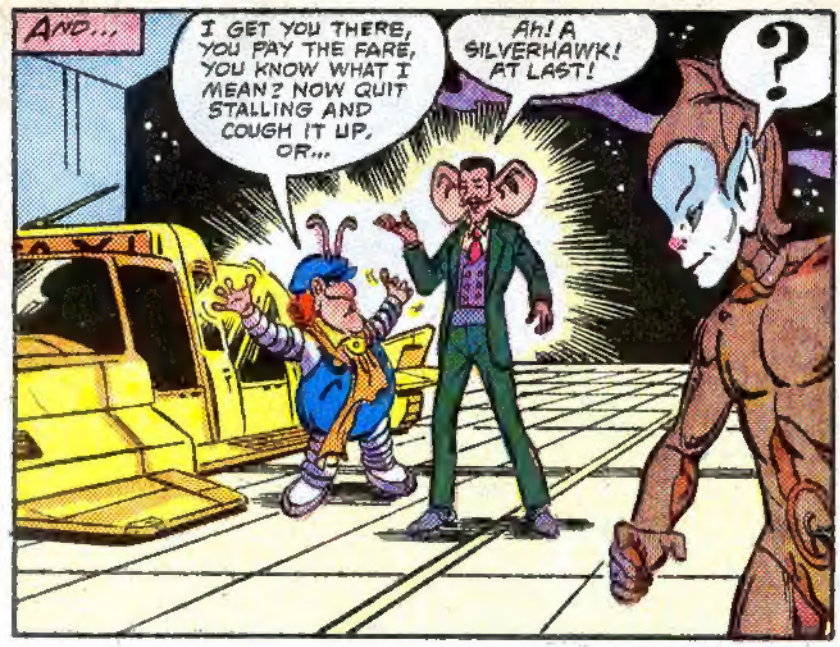
YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW NUMBERS DON'T LIE! CAN I HAVE MY HAT BACK?


AS ONE GAMBLING MAN TO ANOTHER, KIDD, I SURE AM GLAD I DON'T BET AGAINST YOU.
BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT THE ODDS ALL THE TIME!
SKREEEE... THIS THING ON? BLUEGRASS, COPPER KIDD?


THIS IS STARGAZER. SEYMOUR, THE SPACE HACK, IS JUST LANDING IN THE HANGAR. HE HAS A VISITOR FOR US!
KIDD, ESCORT THE VISITOR UP TO MY OFFICE. BLUEGRASS, FIND THE OTHERS AND MEET US UP THERE!
ON OUR WAY, COMMANDER, OLD BUDDY!


AND...
I GET YOU THERE, YOU PAY THE FARE, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? NOW QUIT STALLING AND COUGH IT UP, OR...
Ah! A SILVERHAWK! AT LAST!
?

I'M SAVED! I'M SAVED! AND BY SUCH A FINE FIGURE OF A SILVERHAWK AT THAT! FROM THE PLANET OF MIMBS, NO?
PERCUNIOUS WADSWORTH WELLINGTON THE 62ND, AT YOUR SERVICE! YOU MUST BE THE COPPER KIDD! A PLEASURE!
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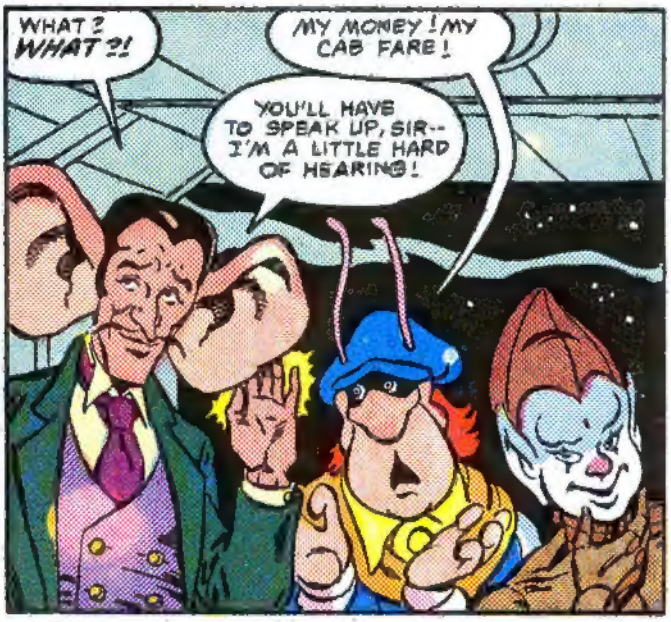
I'M DESTITUTE AND DESPERATE, MY DEAR YOUNG FELLOW, AND I DO HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY MONEY?! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?


WHAT? WHAT?!
MY MONEY! MY CAB FARE!
YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK UP, SIR-- I'M A LITTLE HARD OF HEARING!

PERHAPS YOU UNDERSTAND THIS CREATURE, MY FRIEND. WOULD YOU BE SO KIND? I SEEM TO BE A BIT INDISPOSED ... FINANCIALLY, THAT IS!

THAT GUY'S GOT SOME NERVE STICKING THE COPPER KIDD WITH THE FARE, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
THAT'S MY BOY! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON THE SILVERHAWKS.
BUT I DIDN'T THINK I'D FIND ONE OF THEM TO BE SUCH A SUCKER!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

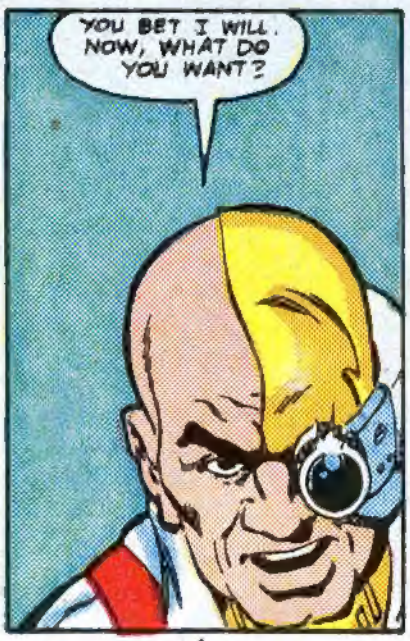
PERCUNIUS WADSWORTH WELLINGTON! I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE *YOU* HERE IN HAWKHAVEN!

AH, MY DEAR OLD FRIEND, COMMANDER STARGAZER! SURROUNDED BY THE CREAM OF THE GALAXY--*THE SILVERHAWKS!* SURELY I AM SAVED!

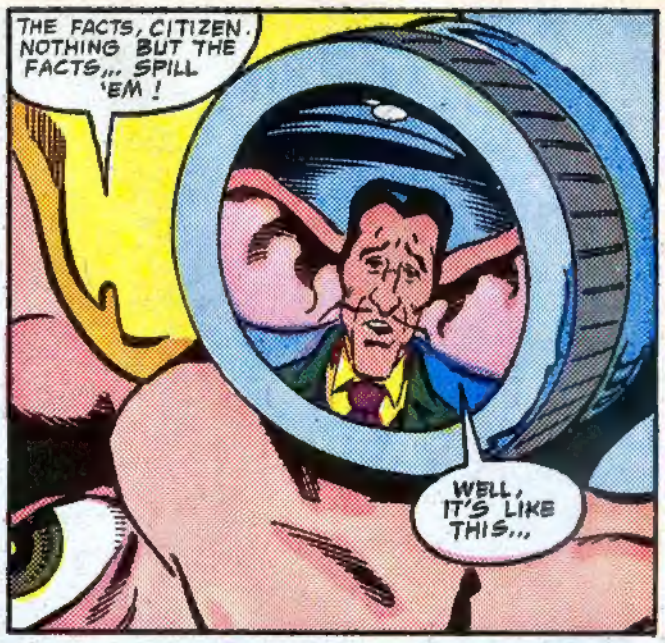
YOU KNOW HIM, COMMANDER?

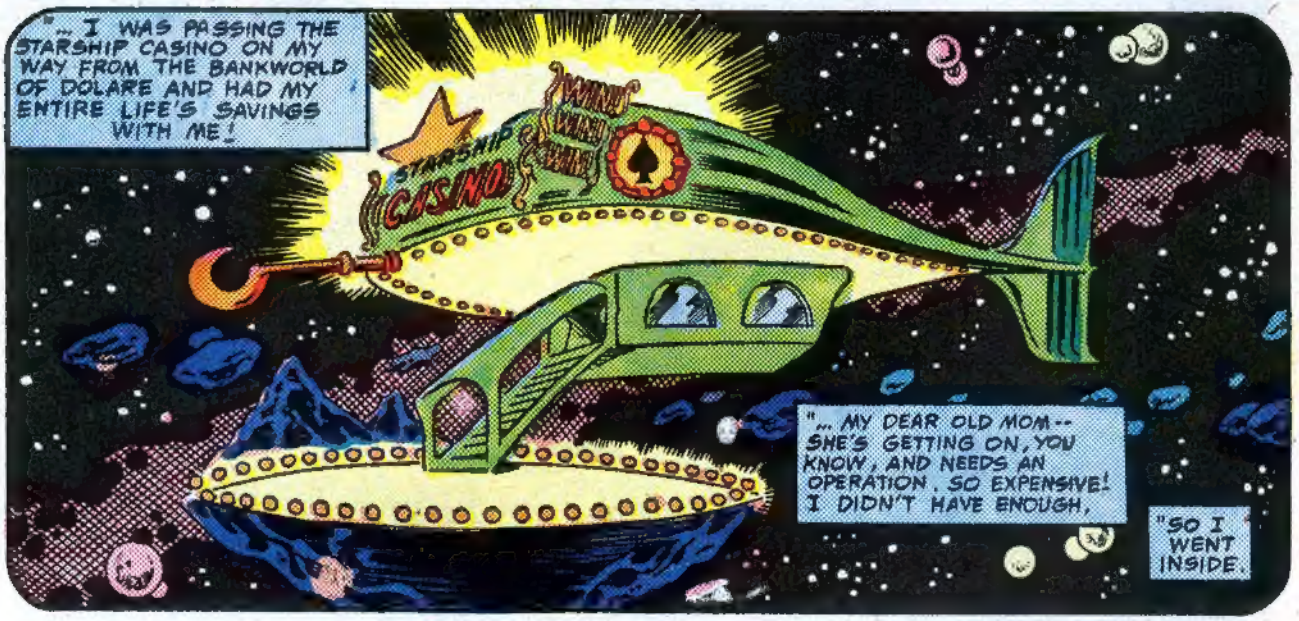
KNOW HIM? WHY, I BUSTED THIS JOKER A CENTURY AGO FOR GAMBLING WITHOUT A PERMIT!

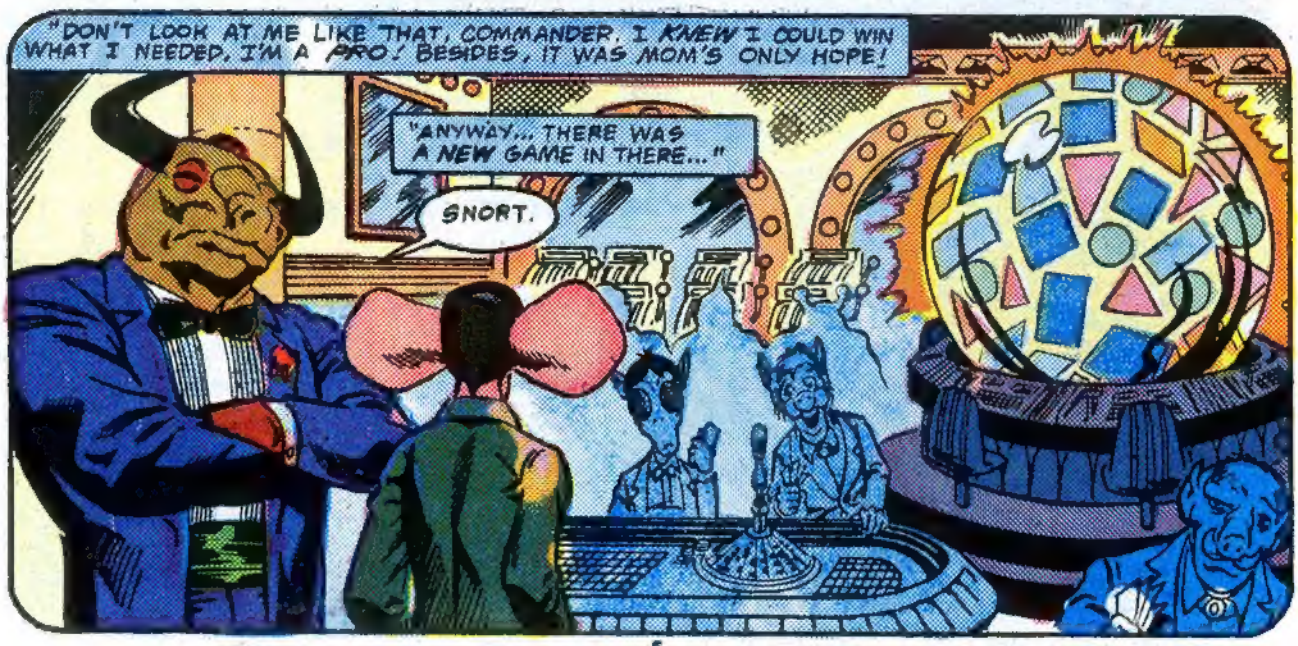
UNIVERSEWIDE SPORTS

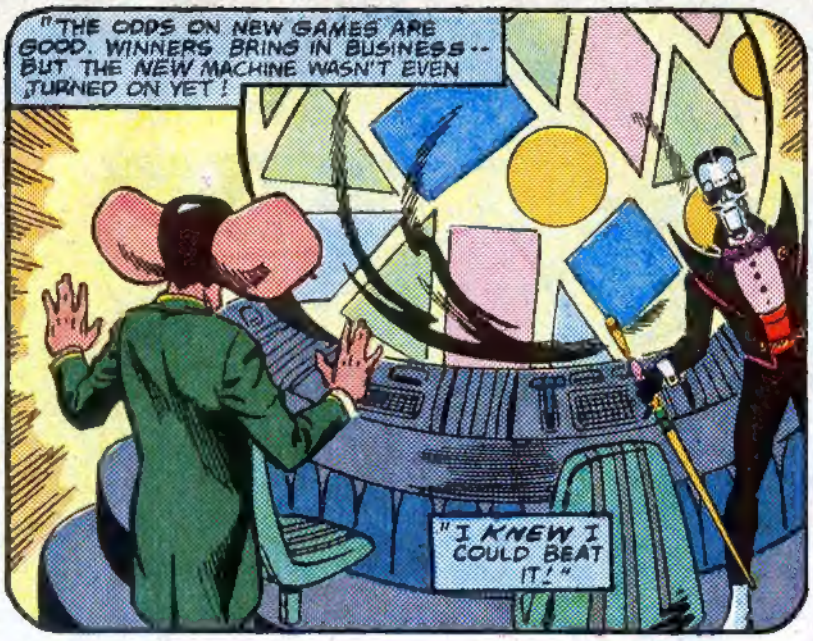


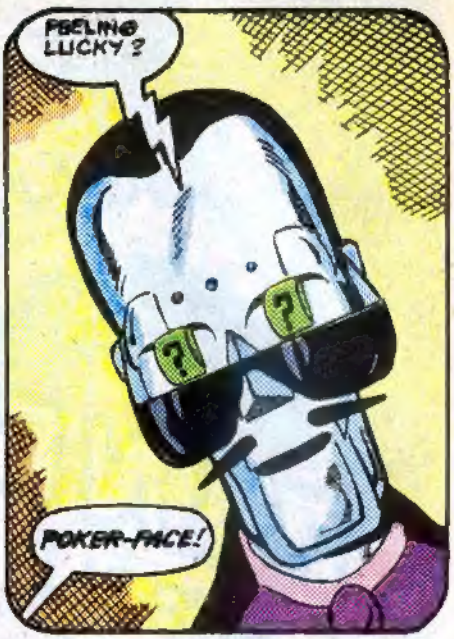
THE MOB, HUH?
THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY-ONE!
RIGHT, SIS, BUT WE CAN SACK 'EM!
IF THEY RIPPED YOU OFF, PARTNER, YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!

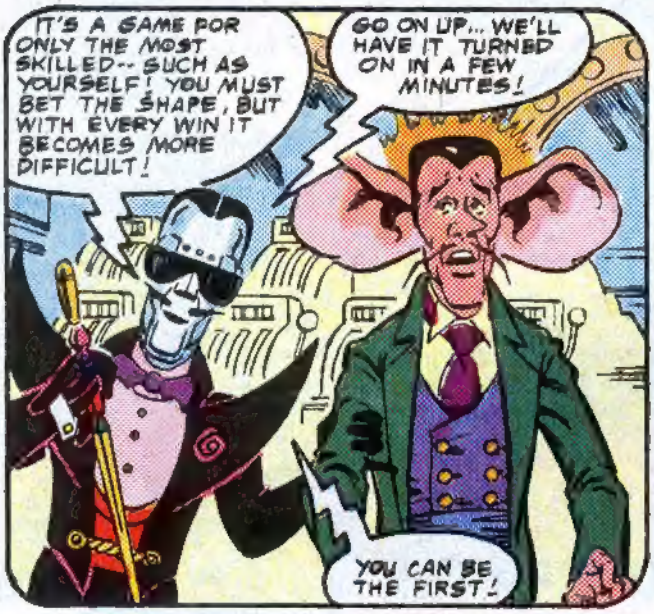

THE FACTS, CITIZEN. NOTHING BUT THE FACTS... SPILL 'EM!
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS...

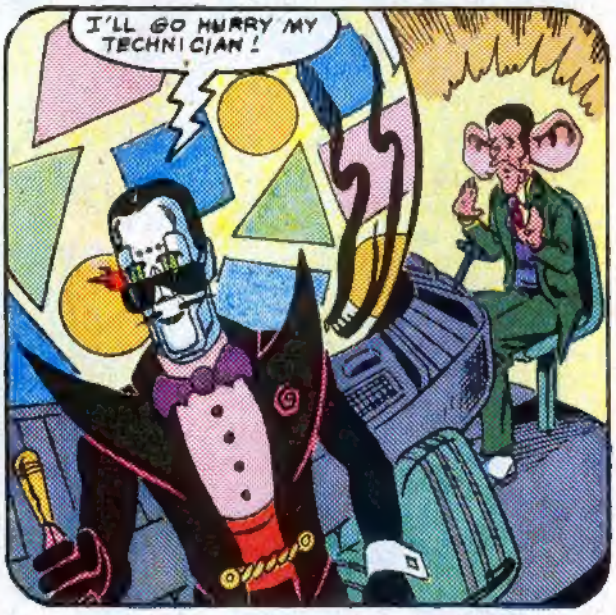

"... I WAS PASSING THE STARSHIP CASINO ON MY WAY FROM THE BANKWORLD OF DOLARE AND HAD MY ENTIRE LIFE'S SAVINGS WITH ME!
STARSHIP CASINO
"... MY DEAR OLD MOM -- SHE'S GETTING ON, YOU KNOW, AND NEEDS AN OPERATION. SO EXPENSIVE! I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH,
"SO I WENT INSIDE.


"DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, COMMANDER. I KNEW I COULD WIN WHAT I NEEDED. I'M A PRO! BESIDES, IT WAS MOM'S ONLY HOPE!
"ANYWAY... THERE WAS A NEW GAME IN THERE..."
SNORT.


"THE ODDS ON NEW GAMES ARE GOOD. WINNERS BRING IN BUSINESS -- BUT THE NEW MACHINE WASN'T EVEN TURNED ON YET!
"I KNEW I COULD BEAT IT!"

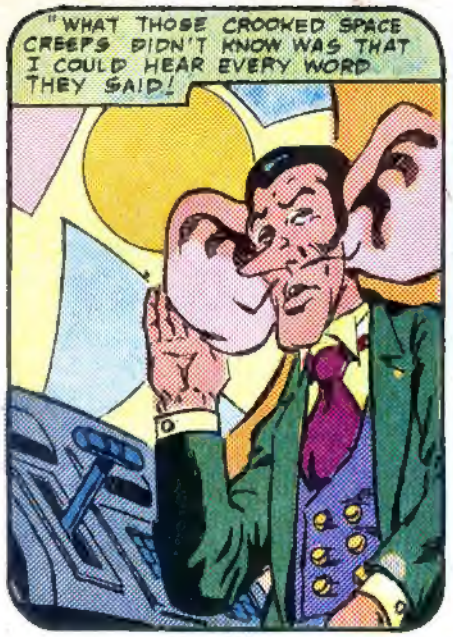

FEELING LUCKY?
POKER-FACE!

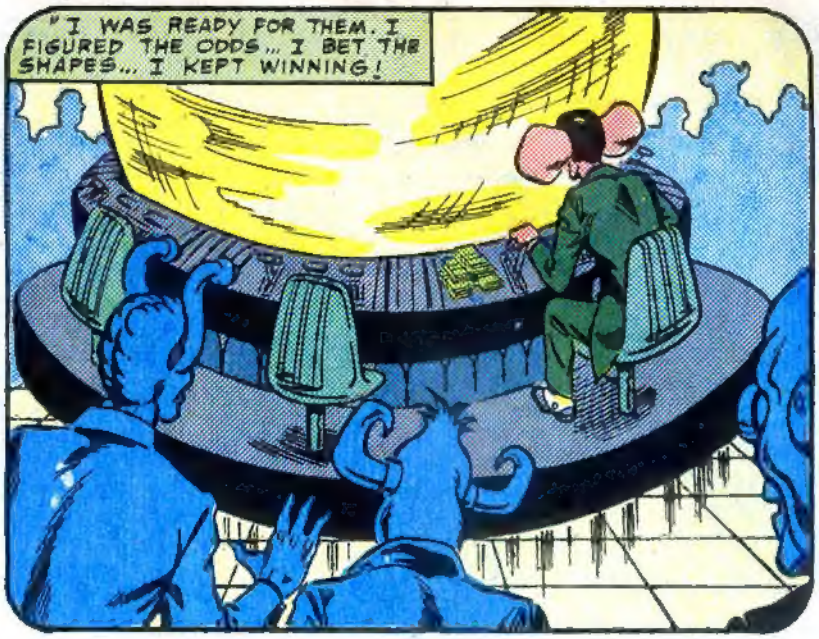

IT'S A GAME FOR ONLY THE MOST SKILLED -- SUCH AS YOURSELF! YOU MUST BET THE SHAPE, BUT WITH EVERY WIN IT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT!
GO ON UP... WE'LL HAVE IT TURNED ON IN A FEW MINUTES!
YOU CAN BE THE FIRST!

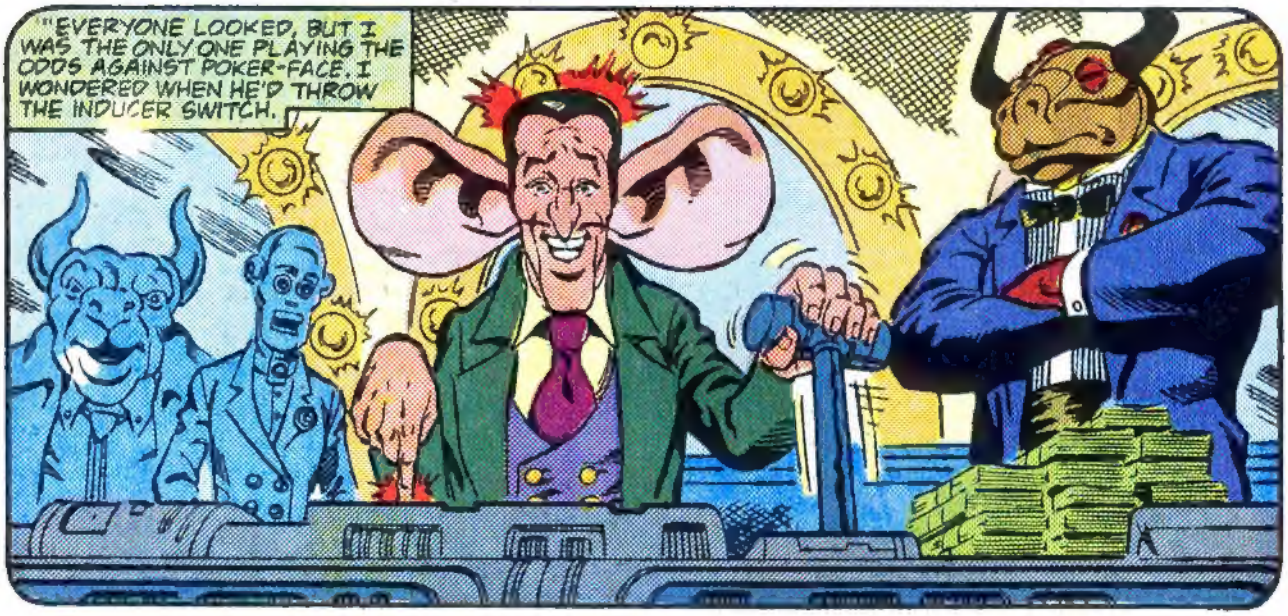

I'LL GO HURRY MY TECHNICIAN!

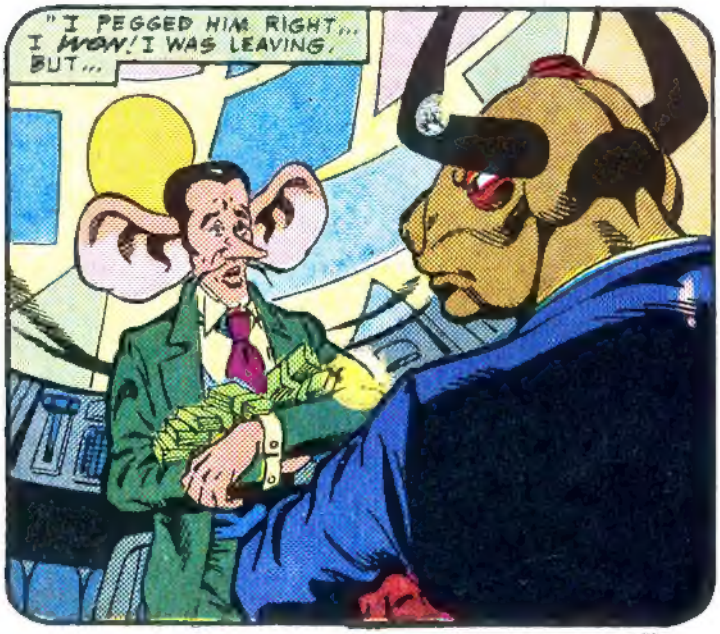
HARDWARE! IS THE INDUCER READY? I'VE GOT A SUCKER CARRYING BIG BUCKS WHO THINKS HE CAN BEAT IT!
ONE MORE CIRCUIT, POKEY!

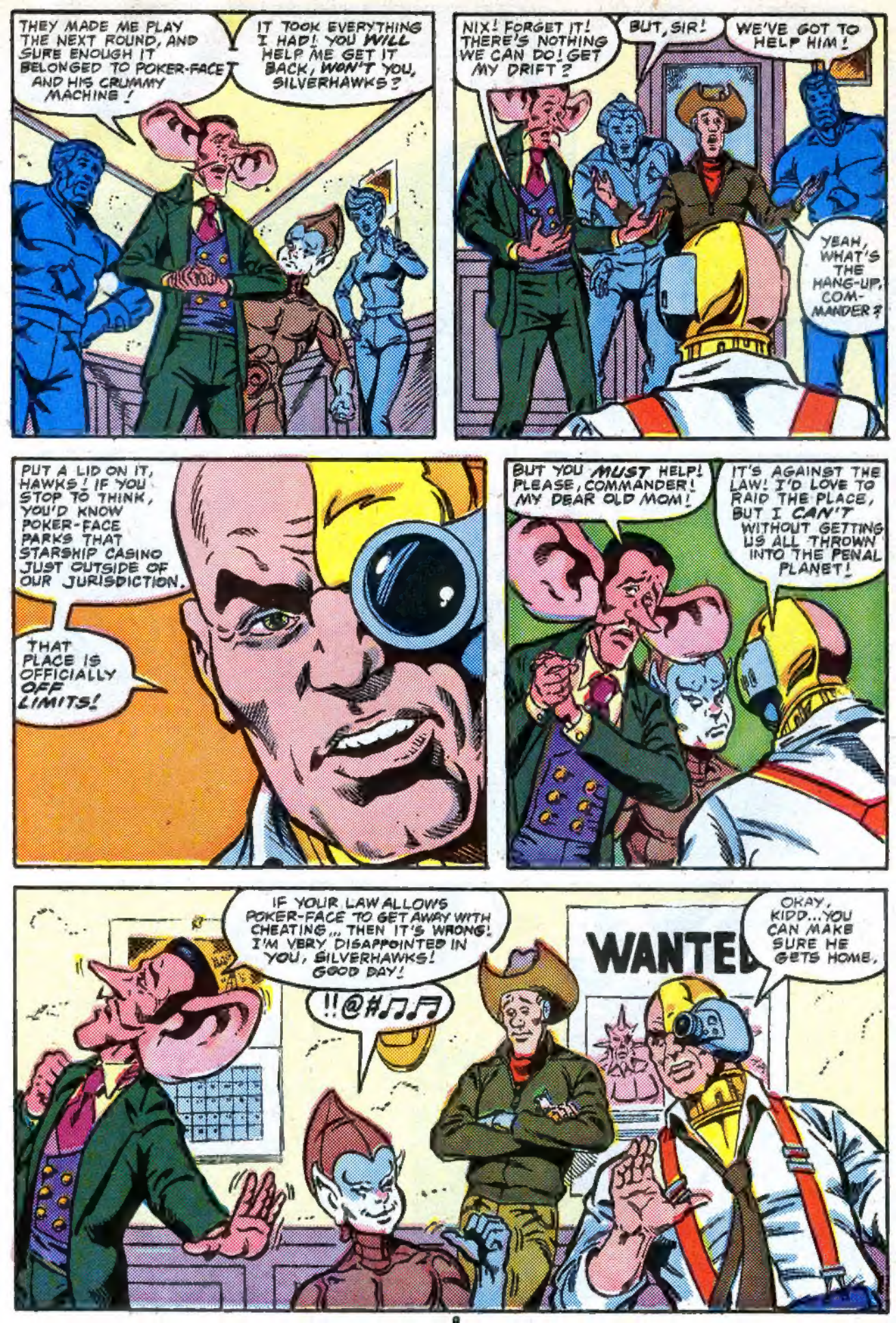
THERE! THE INDUCER CIRCUIT IS WIRED TO THE SEATS. THE FIRST SWITCH FIXES THE GAME TO THE SHAPE YOU CHOOSE. THE SECOND ONE MAKES THEM BET EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT!
NOW THAT'S MY KIND OF GAME!


"WHAT THOSE CROOKED SPACE CREEPS DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT I COULD HEAR EVERY WORD THEY SAID!


"I WAS READY FOR THEM. I FIGURED THE ODDS... I BET THE SHAPES... I KEPT WINNING!


"EVERYONE LOOKED, BUT I WAS THE ONLY ONE PLAYING THE ODDS AGAINST POKER-FACE. I WONDERED WHEN HE'D THROW THE INDUCER SWITCH.


"I PEGGED HIM RIGHT... I WON! I WAS LEAVING, BUT...


THEY MADE ME PLAY THE NEXT ROUND, AND SURE ENOUGH IT BELONGED TO POKER-FACE AND HIS CRUMMY MACHINE!
IT TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD! YOU WILL HELP ME GET IT BACK, WON'T YOU, SILVERHAWKS?
NIX! FORGET IT! THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO! GET MY DRIFT?
BUT, SIR!
WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!
YEAH, WHAT'S THE HANG-UP, COMMANDER?
PUT A LID ON IT, HAWKS! IF YOU STOP TO THINK, YOU'D KNOW POKER-FACE PARKS THAT STARSHIP CASINO JUST OUTSIDE OF OUR JURISDICTION.
THAT PLACE IS OFFICIALLY OFF LIMITS!
BUT YOU MUST HELP! PLEASE, COMMANDER! MY DEAR OLD MOM!
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW! I'D LOVE TO RAID THE PLACE, BUT I CAN'T WITHOUT GETTING US ALL THROWN INTO THE PENAL PLANET!
IF YOUR LAW ALLOWS POKER-FACE TO GET AWAY WITH CHEATING... THEN IT'S WRONG! I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, SILVERHAWKS! GOOD DAY!
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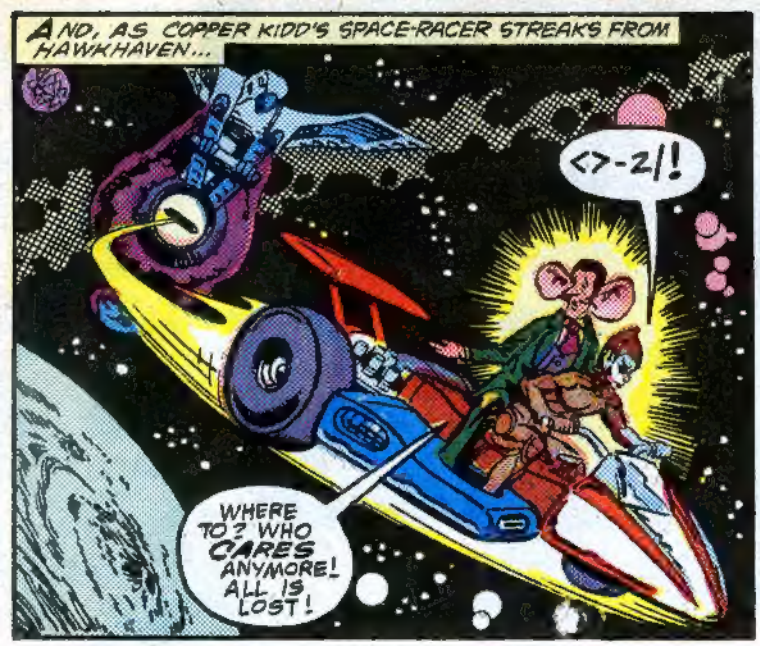
WANTED
OKAY, KIDD... YOU CAN MAKE SURE HE GETS HOME.


AND, AS COPPER KIDD'S SPACE-RACER STREAKS FROM HAWKHAVEN...
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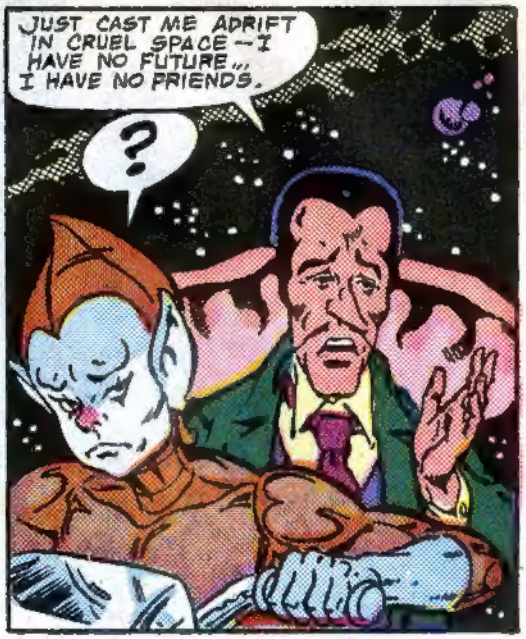
WHERE TO? WHO CARES ANYMORE! ALL IS LOST!


JUST CAST ME ADRIFT IN CRUEL SPACE -- I HAVE NO FUTURE... I HAVE NO FRIENDS.
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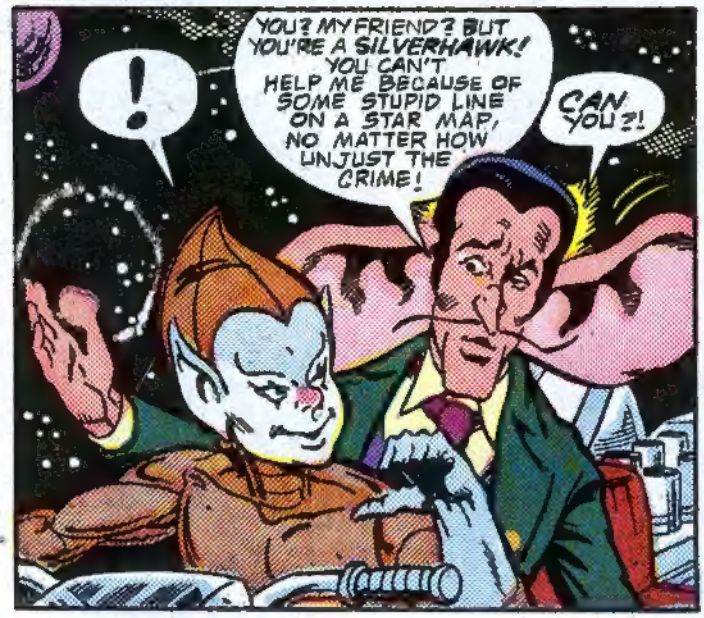
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YOU? MY FRIEND? BUT YOU'RE A SILVERHAWK! YOU CAN'T HELP ME BECAUSE OF SOME STUPID LINE ON A STAR MAP, NO MATTER HOW UNJUST THE CRIME!
CAN YOU?!

I HEAR YOU'RE GOOD WITH NUMBERS... MATH... ODDS AND PROBABILITIES. MAYBE AS GOOD AS I AM, SO THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU COULD HELP ME -- IF YOU WOULD.
YOU COULD BEAT POKER-FACE AT HIS OWN GAME. BUT YOU'D HAVE TO DISOBEY YOUR COMMANDER'S ORDERS!
HE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TO KNOW. A LITTLE WHITE LIE FOR A FRIEND... WE COULD DISGUISE YOU. BUT NO...

ONLY A TRUE FRIEND WOULD STAND UP FOR JUSTICE NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES. I WON'T ASK YOU TO DECIDE. I'LL JUST END IT ALL...
GOODBYE CRUEL LIMBO GALAXY...

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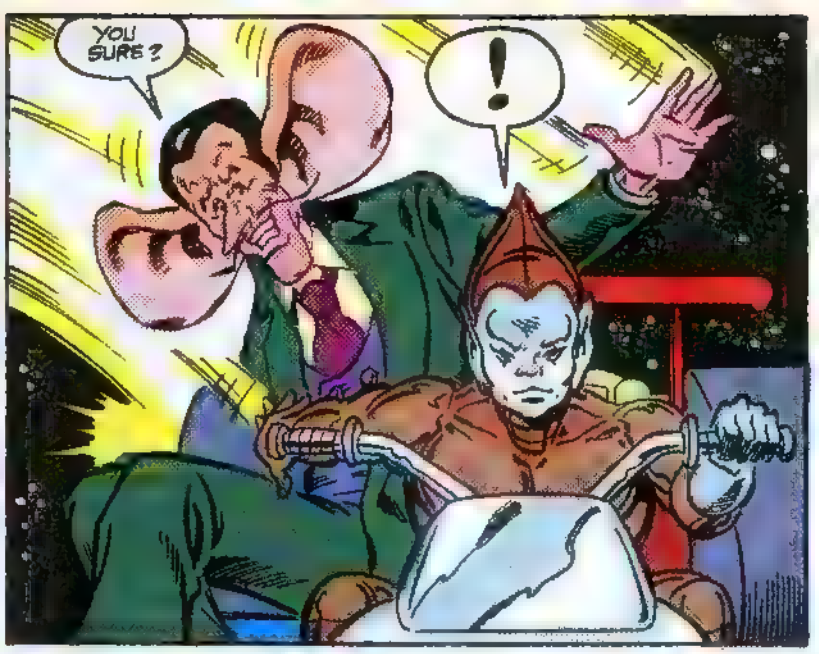
IT'S US OR THEM, KIDD! HELP ME, OR LET ME FALL!


YOU SURE?
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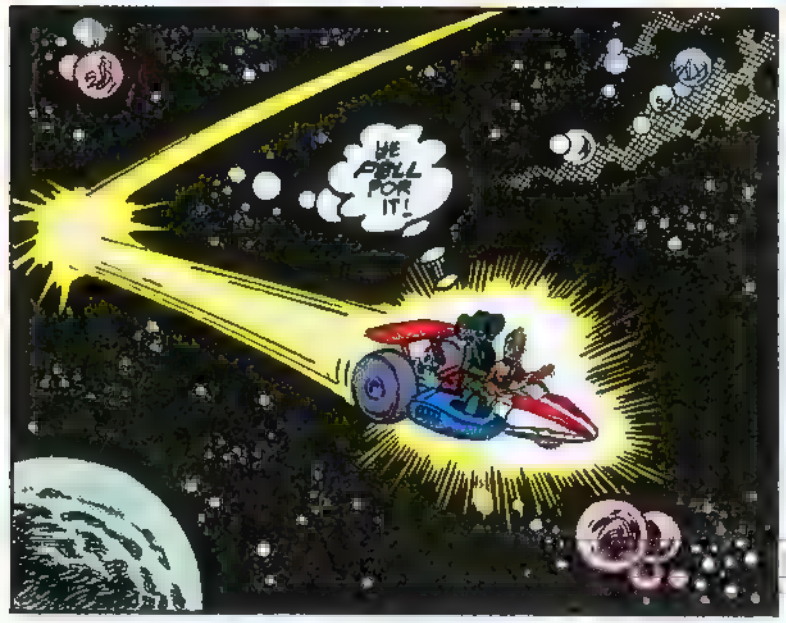
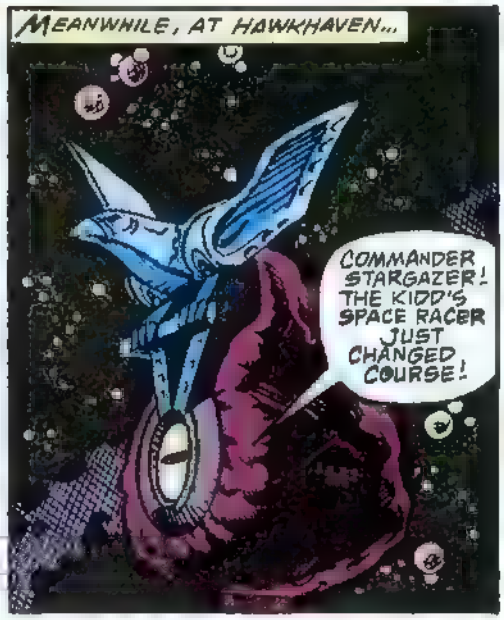
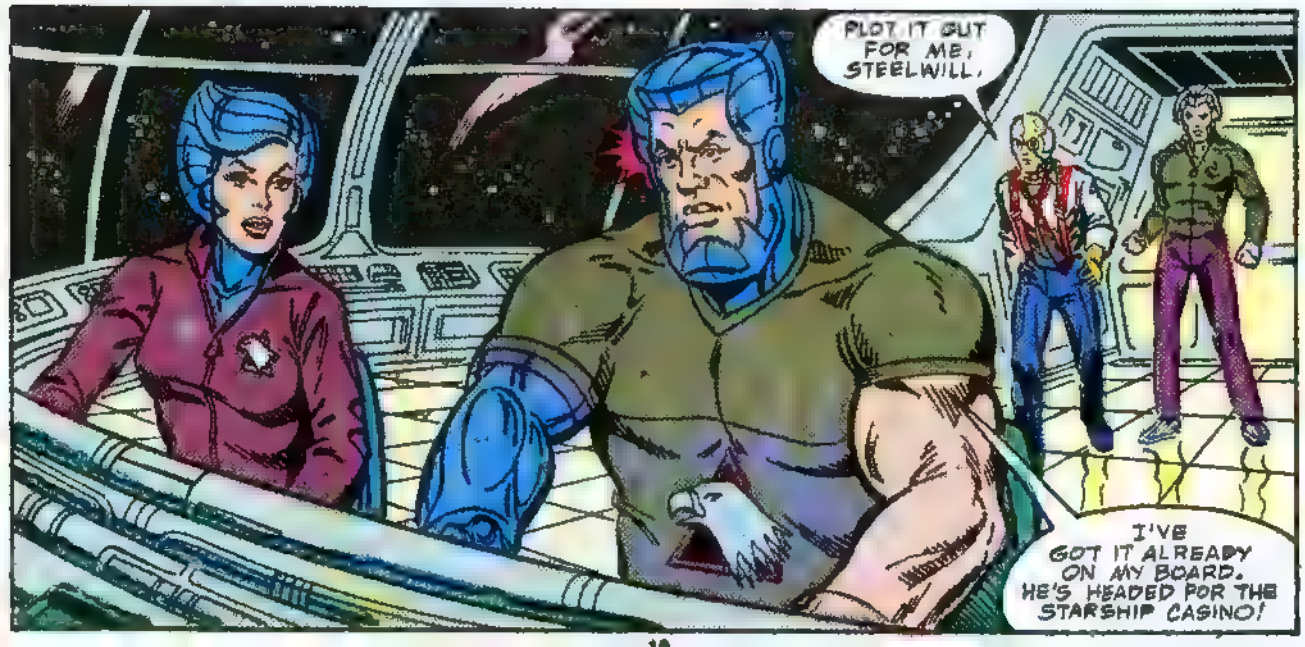
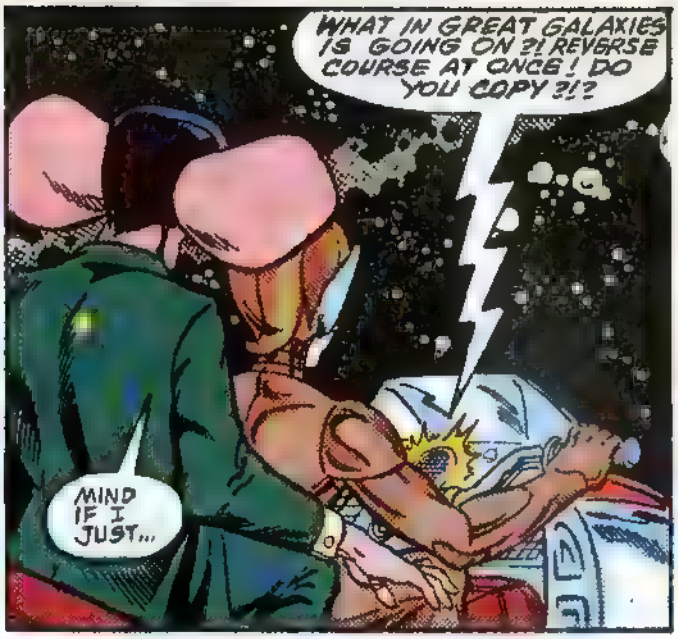

WE FALL FOR IT!

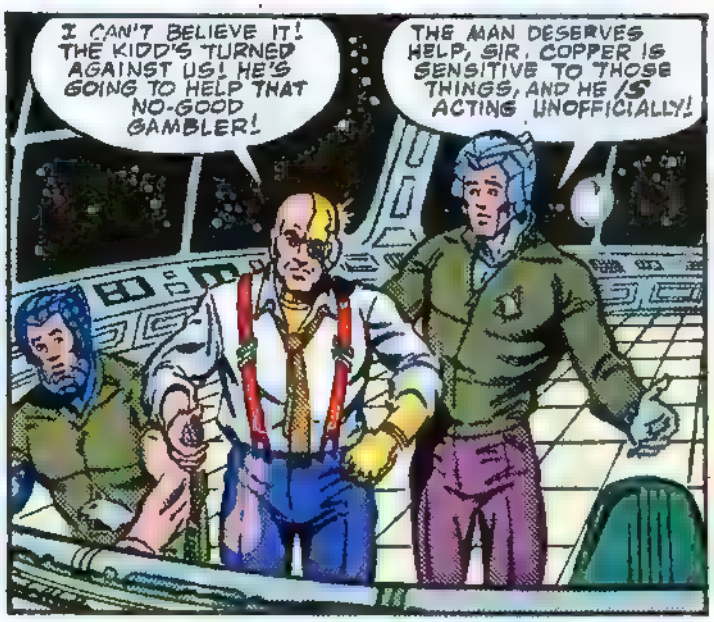

MEANWHILE, AT HAWKHAVEN...
COMMANDER STARGAZER! THE KIDD'S SPACE RACER JUST CHANGED COURSE!

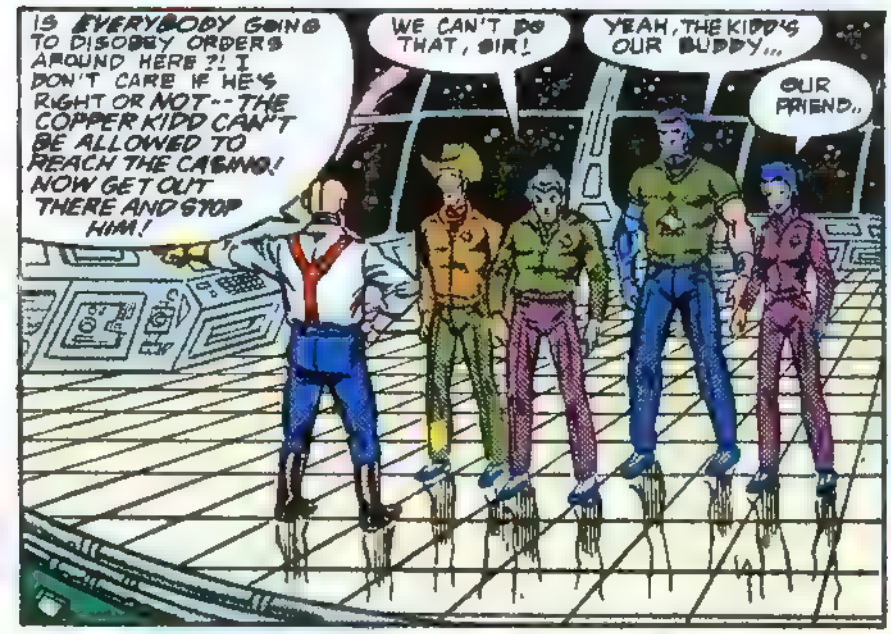

PLOT IT OUT FOR ME, STEELWILL.
I'VE GOT IT ALREADY ON MY BOARD. HE'S HEADED FOR THE STARSHIP CASINO!

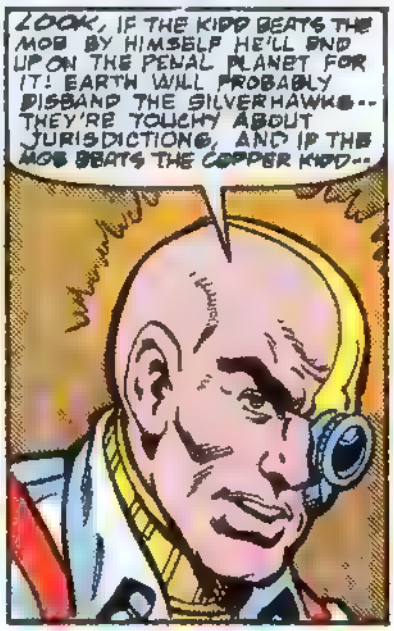
WHAT ?!? PATCH ME THROUGH!
AYE, AYE, COMMANDER.
THIS IS STARGAZER TO COPPER KIDD! STARGAZER TO THE KIDD! COME IN!


WHAT IN GREAT GALAXIES IS GOING ON ?! REVERSE COURSE AT ONCE! DO YOU COPY ?!?
MIND IF I JUST...

DON'T YOU DARE GO NEAR THE STARSHIP CASINO...
...TURN THIS OFF !

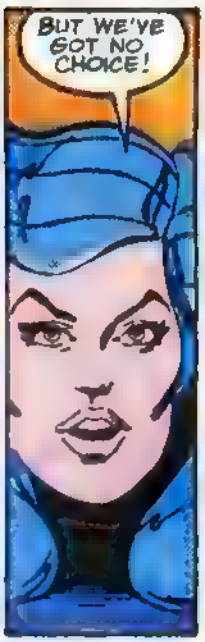

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE KIDD'S TURNED AGAINST US! HE'S GOING TO HELP THAT NO-GOOD GAMBLER!
THE MAN DESERVES HELP, SIR. COPPER IS SENSITIVE TO THOSE THINGS, AND HE IS ACTING UNOFFICIALLY!


IS EVERYBODY GOING TO DISOBEY ORDERS AROUND HERE ?! I DON'T CARE IF HE'S RIGHT OR NOT--THE COPPER KIDD CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO REACH THE CASINO! NOW GET OUT THERE AND STOP HIM!
WE CAN'T DO THAT, SIR!
YEAH, THE KIDD'S OUR BUDDY...
OUR FRIEND...

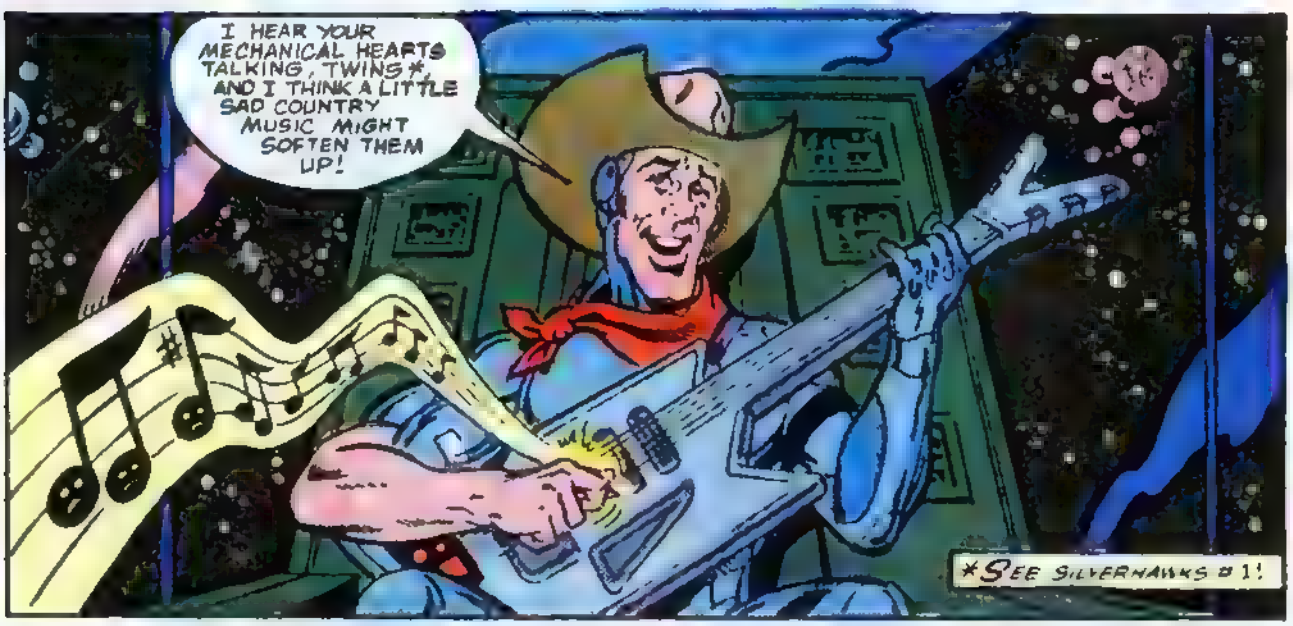

LOOK, IF THE KIDD BEATS THE MOB BY HIMSELF HE'LL END UP ON THE PENAL PLANET FOR IT! EARTH WILL PROBABLY DISBAND THE SILVERHAWKS--THEY'RE TOUCHY ABOUT JURISDICTIONS, AND IF THE MOB BEATS THE COPPER KIDD--

AND SO..
I FEEL LOWER THAN A SNAKE IN A WAGON RUT ABOUT THIS, QUICK!

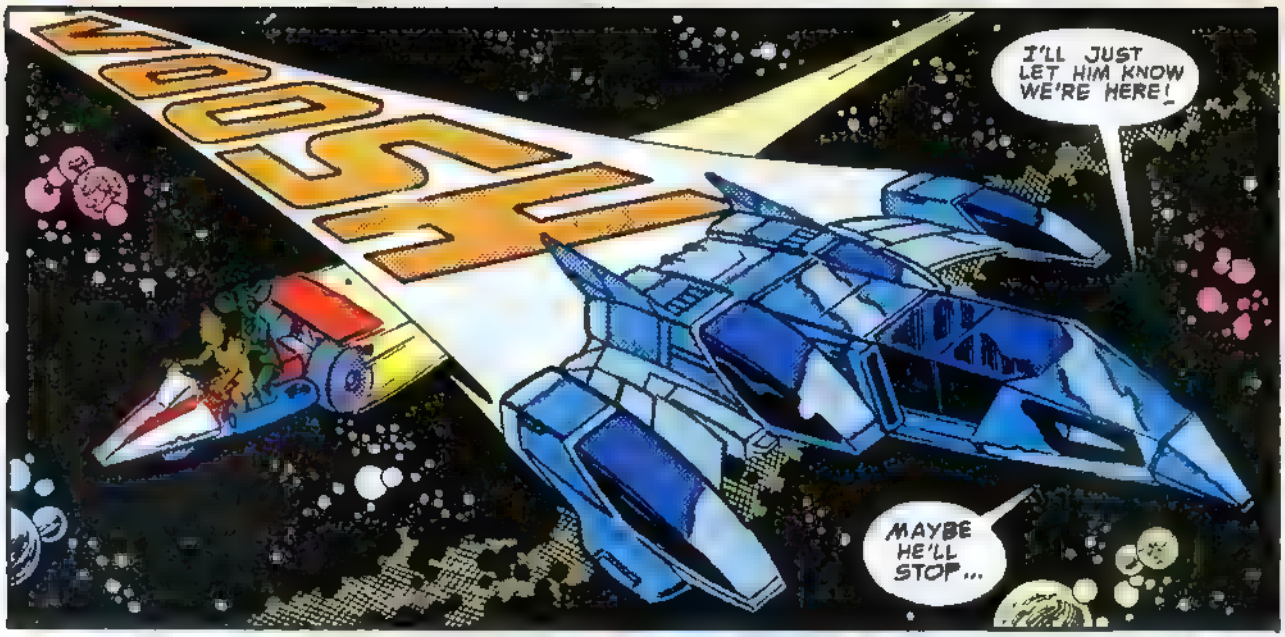
WE ALL DO, BLUEGRASS!

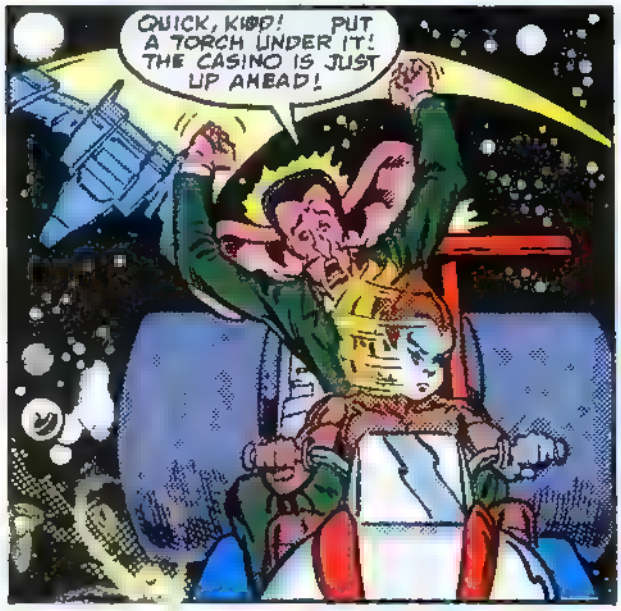

BUT WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE!

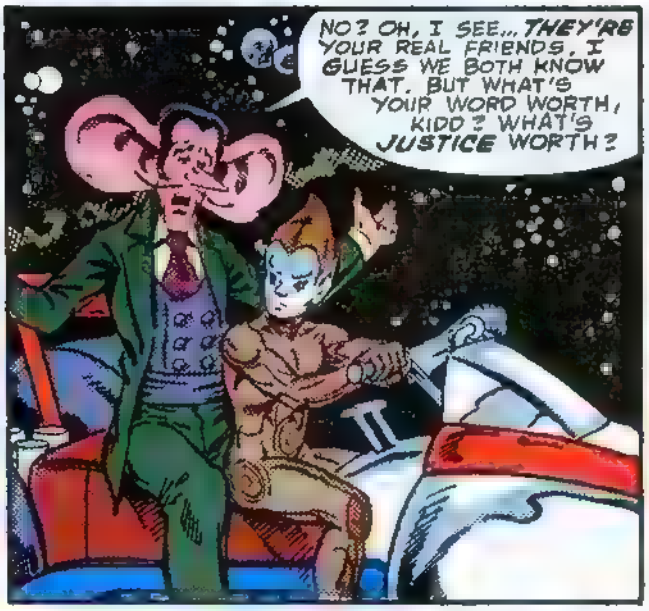
STEELHEART'S RIGHT! WE HAVE A MISSION... ORDERS.

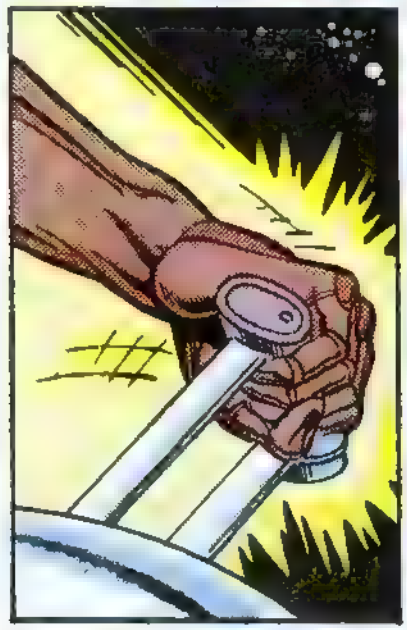

I HEAR YOUR MECHANICAL HEARTS TALKING, TWINS*, AND I THINK A LITTLE SAD COUNTRY MUSIC MIGHT SOFTEN THEM UP!
*SEE SILVERHAWKS #1!

SONG'S OVER, SILVERHAWKS, FIRST TIME I WISHED THE MARAJ WASN'T THE FASTEST SHIP IN LIMBO!
SPACE RACER DEAD AHEAD.. PREPARE TO LAUNCH!
AW, SHUCKS! THIS JUST DON'T SEEM RIGHT!

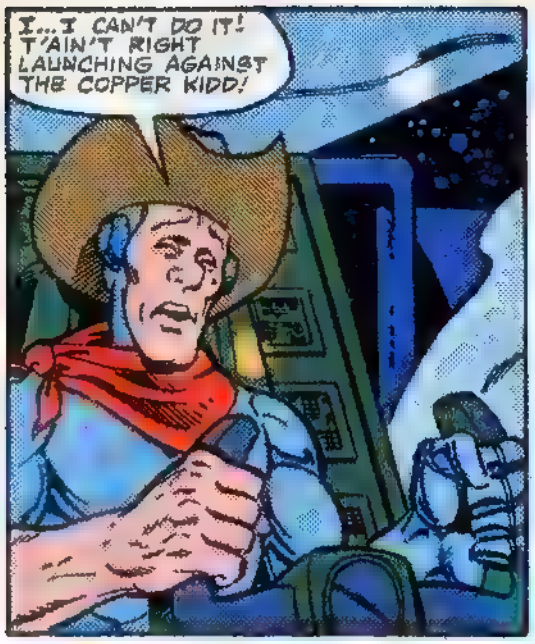

I'LL JUST LET HIM KNOW WE'RE HERE!
MAYBE HE'LL STOP...

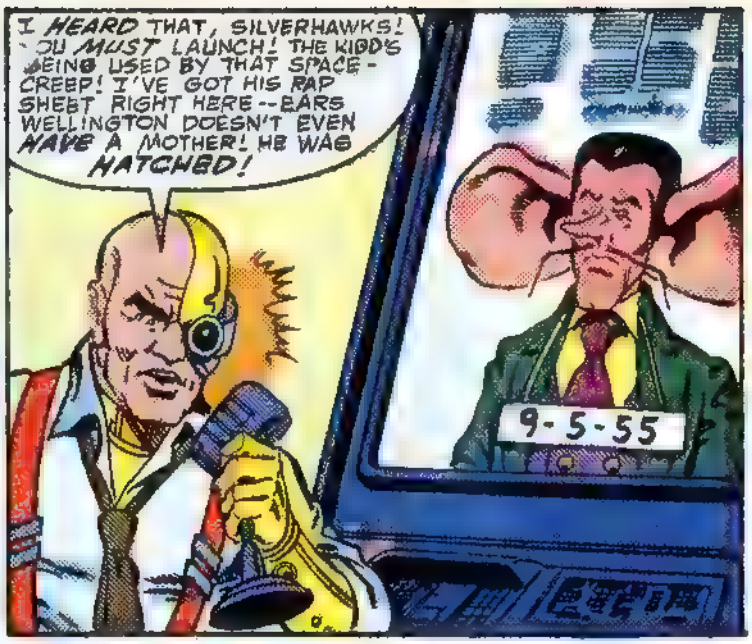

QUICK, KIDD! PUT A TORCH UNDER IT! THE CASINO IS JUST UP AHEAD!


NO? OH, I SEE... THEY'RE YOUR REAL FRIENDS. I GUESS WE BOTH KNOW THAT. BUT WHAT'S YOUR WORD WORTH, KIDD? WHAT'S JUSTICE WORTH?



HE'S MAKING A RUN FOR IT!!
STARSHIP CASINO
WIN WIN WIN
WE'LL CATCH HIM, SKIP! PIECE 'A CAKE!


I...I CAN'T DO IT! T'AIN'T RIGHT LAUNCHING AGAINST THE COPPER KIDD!


I HEARD THAT, SILVERHAWKS! YOU MUST LAUNCH! THE KIDD'S BEING USED BY THAT SPACE-CREEP! I'VE GOT HIS RAP SHEET RIGHT HERE--EARS WELLINGTON DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A MOTHER! HE WAS HATCHED!
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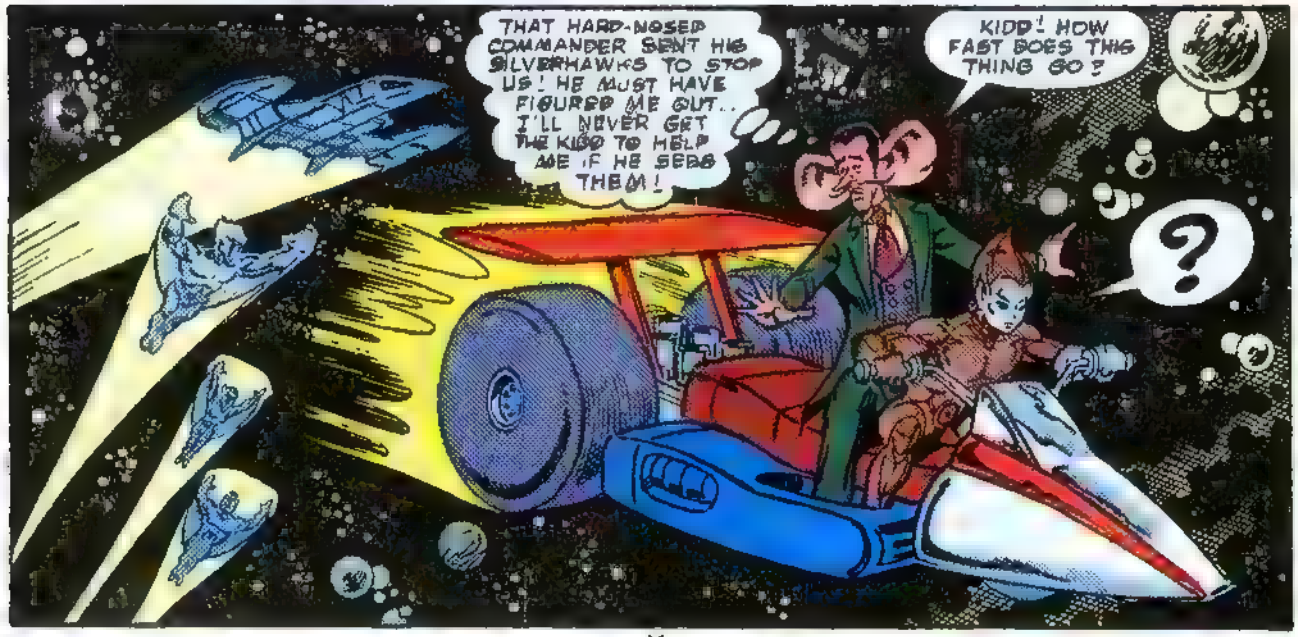
AND...
RELEASE!
RELEASE!
RELEASE!


THAT HARD-NOSED COMMANDER SENT HIS SILVERHAWKS TO STOP US! HE MUST HAVE FIGURED ME OUT... I'LL NEVER GET THE KIDD TO HELP ME IF HE SEES THEM!
KIDD! HOW FAST DOES THIS THING GO?
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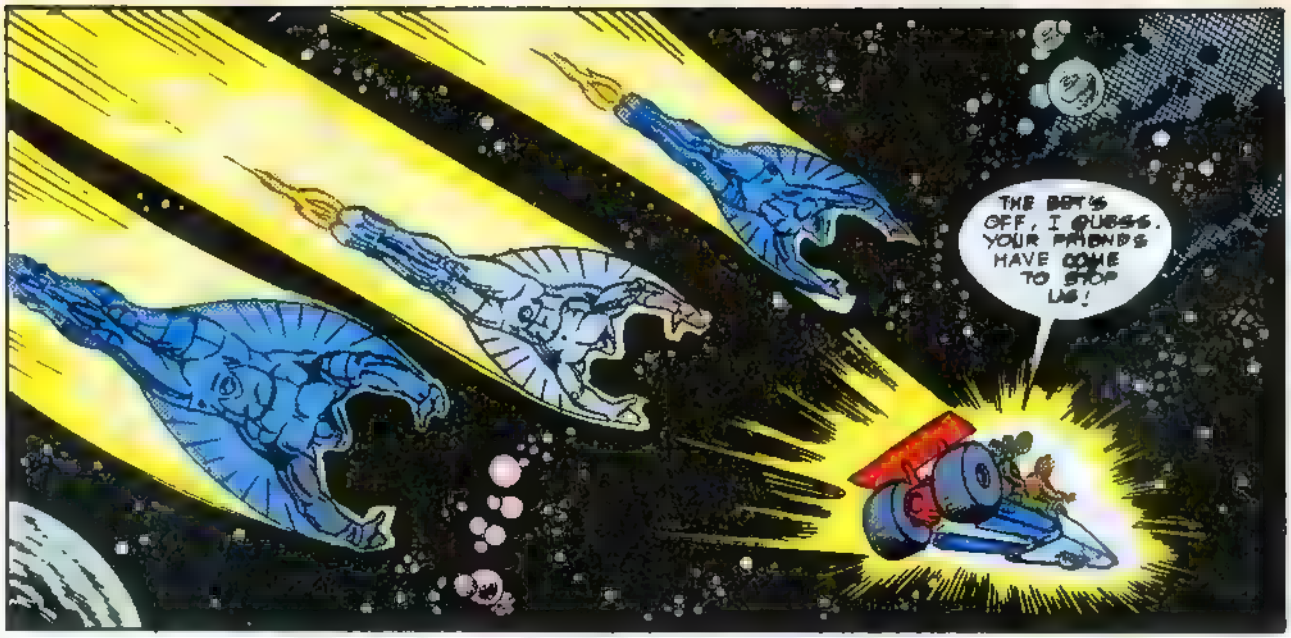
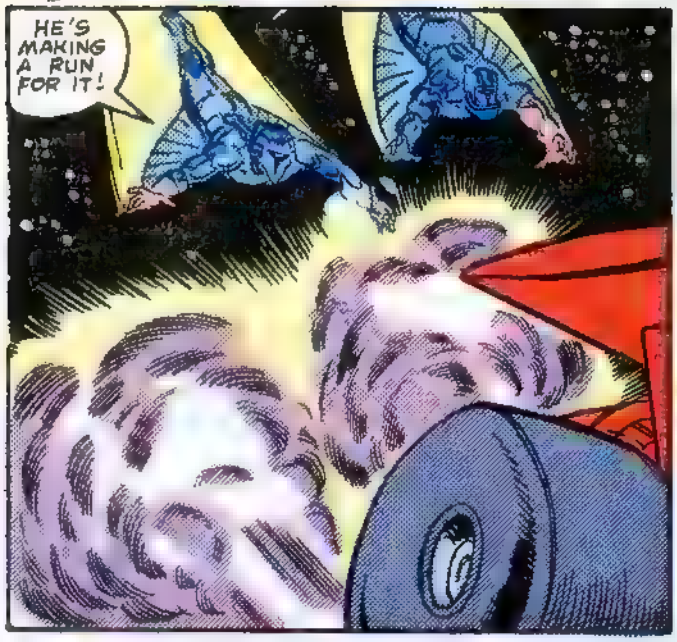

THE BET'S OFF, I GUESS. YOUR FRIENDS HAVE COME TO STOP US!

I WAS A FOOL TO THINK I'D EVER GET AWAY WITH THIS. NO ONE HELPS ME UNLESS I CON THEM INTO IT... AND YOU CAN'T CON THE SILVERHAWKS, CAN YOU?

YOU SEEMED SO FRIENDLY, AND I THOUGHT I COULD USE THAT TO MAKE YOU HELP ME GET MY MONEY BACK. SOME FRIEND I AM, HUH?

I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

HEY, KIDS.. WHAT ARE YOU...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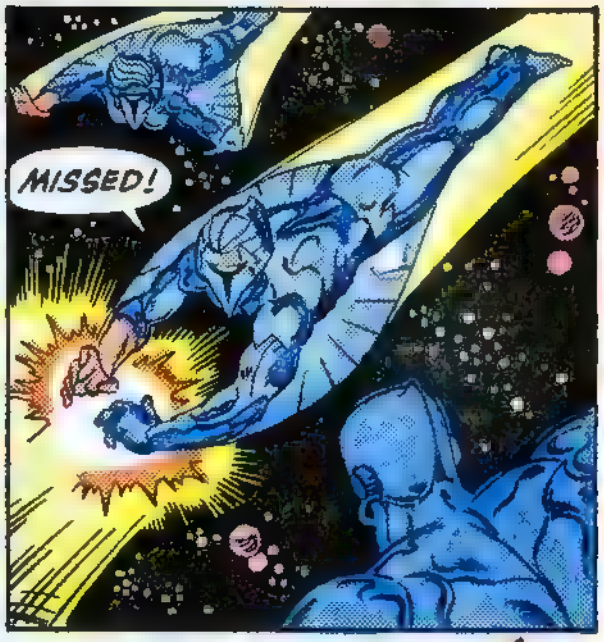
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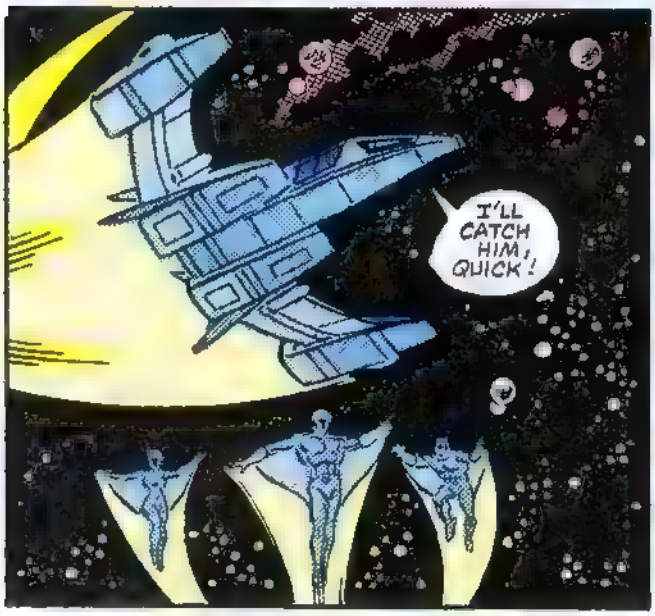
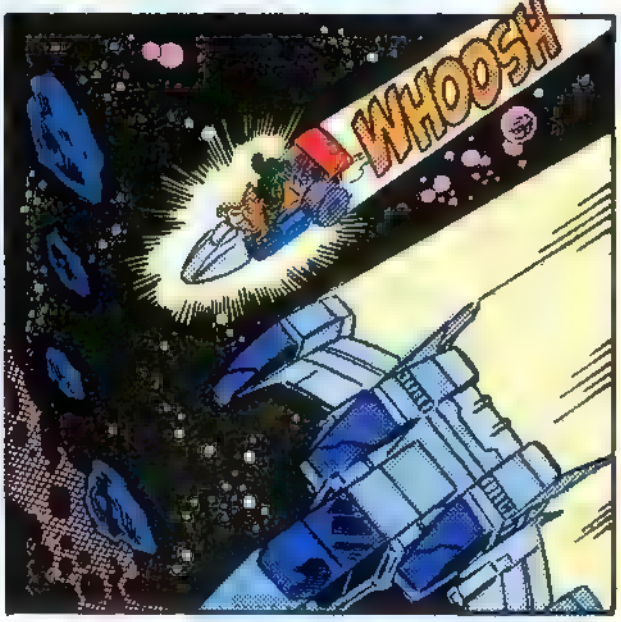
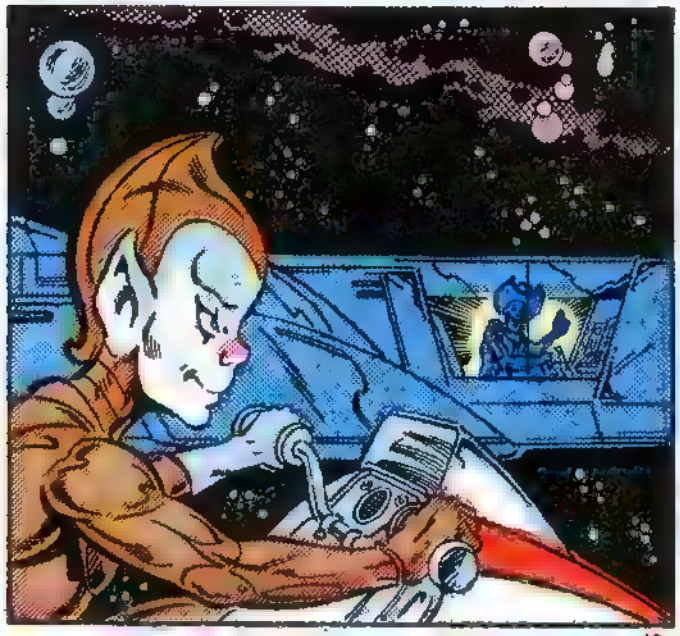

I'LL CATCH HIM, QUICK!


WHOOSH



THE COPPER KIDS JUST CROSSED THE LEGAL LIMIT OF OUR TERRITORY!

THEN THE KIDD'S ON HIS OWN!

AND, AT THE STARSHIP CASINO...

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, KIDD! YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN OFF WITH A REPRIMAND, BUT YOU CROSSED THE LINE! *WHY?*

FOR *ME?*

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

YOU'RE DOING THIS ON YOUR OWN FOR SOME REASON! I'M NOT MAKING YOU! I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE ANYMORE!

BAM BAM BAM

A SILVERHAWK!

HE'S HERE ON HIS OWN! UNOFFICIAL! HE WANTS TO PLAY THE GAME!

YOU WANT TO PLAY AGAINST MY MACHINE, EH? ALL RIGHT! BUT IF YOU LOSE, YOU COME WORK FOR ME!

AND IF HE WINS, I GET MY MONEY BACK?!?

DONE! IT'S A WAGER I CANNOT PASS UP!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, EARS, BUT FROM NOW ON YOU'RE WELCOME HERE ANY-TIME!

MOMENTS LATER... ALL EYES IN THE CASINO ARE FIXED ON THE COPPER KIDD...

COME ALONG, KIDD! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH. I WANT TO PRESENT YOUR WINGS TO MOON STAR!

THIS IS A GAME OF GEOMETRIC SKILL! YOU BET THE SHAPE, SPIN THE GLOBE!

THE KIDD'S GOING TO LOSE EVERYTHING! POKER-FACE WON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE -- HE'LL FIX THE FIRST GAME. I TOLD HIM HE SHOULD BE DISGUISED!

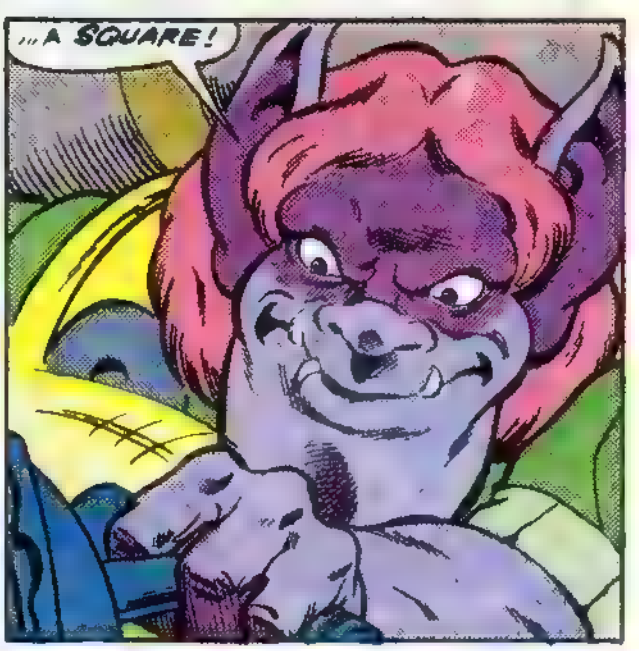
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT THE ODDS WITH THAT SILLY TOY?

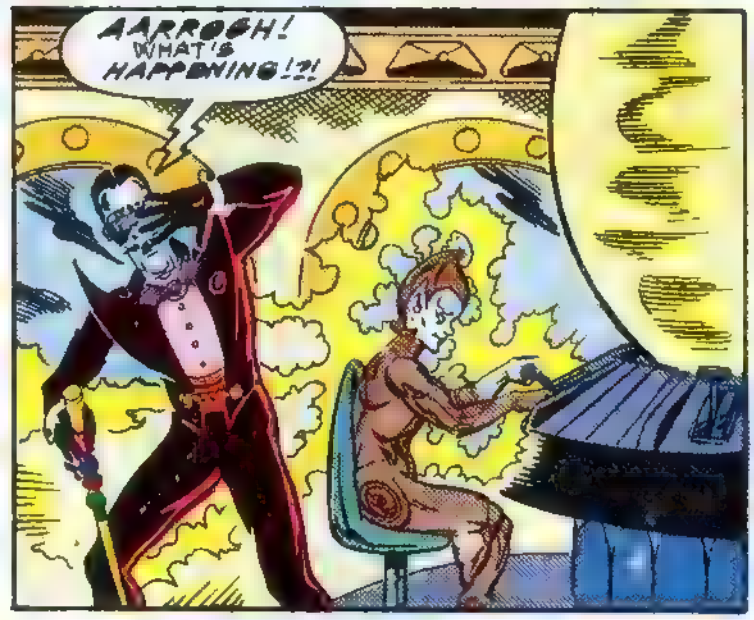
GOOD! FIGURE IT OUT. PLACE YOUR BET!

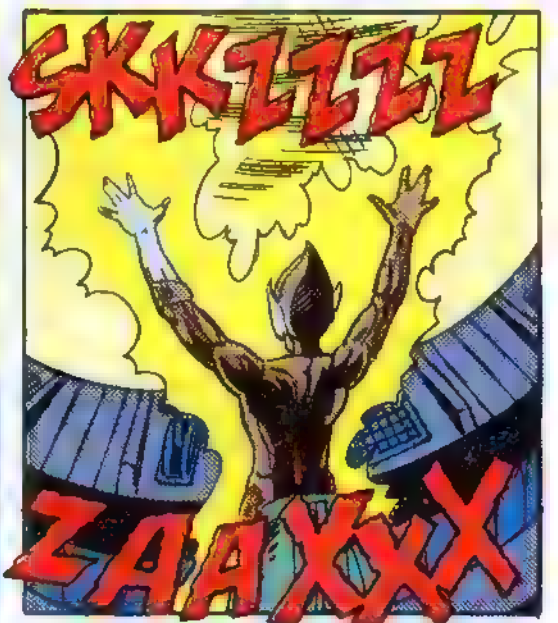
YOU BET A TRIANGLE! WONDERFUL!

A TRIANGLE!

A TRIANGLE! I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, POKEY! SO I'LL JUST USE THE INDUCER TO MAKE THE WINNING SHAPE...


...A SQUARE!


AARROGH! WHAT'S HAPPENING!?!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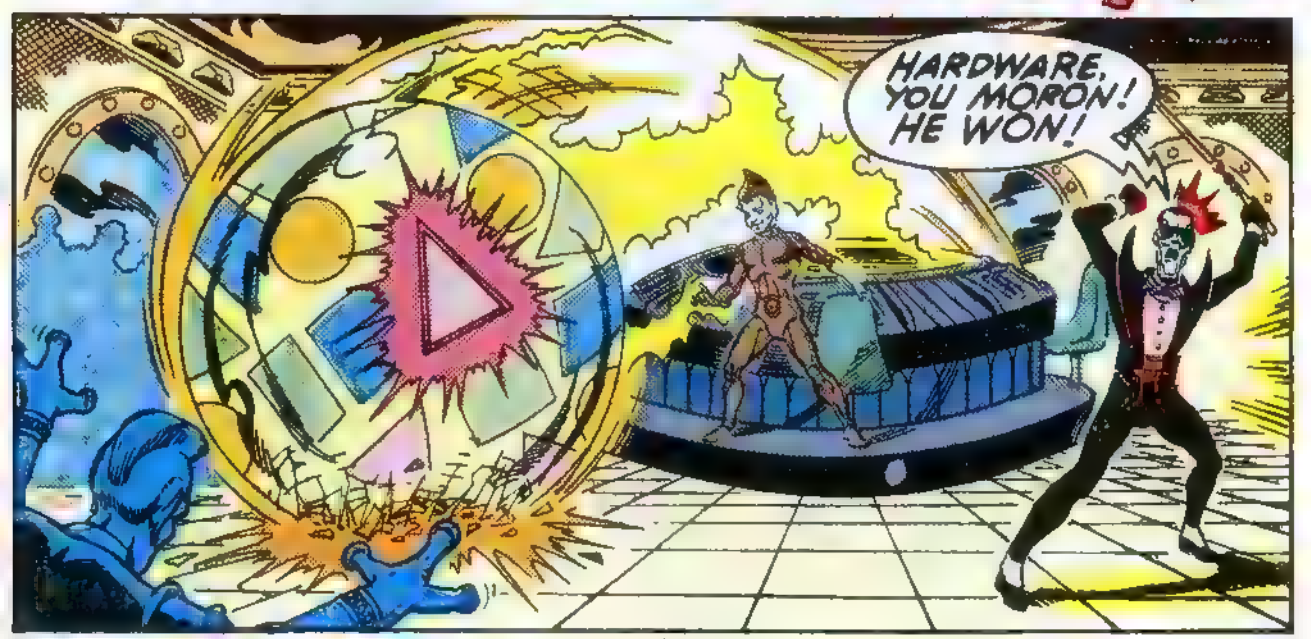
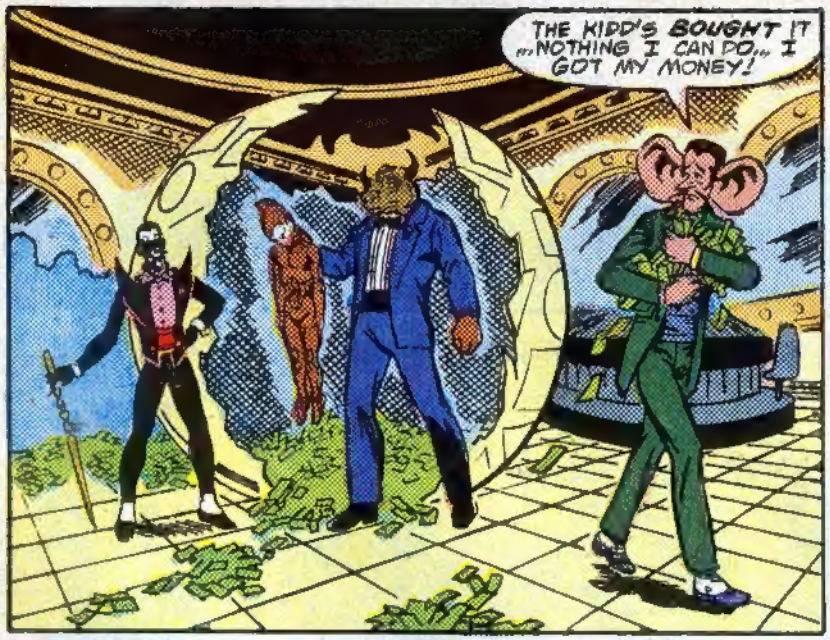
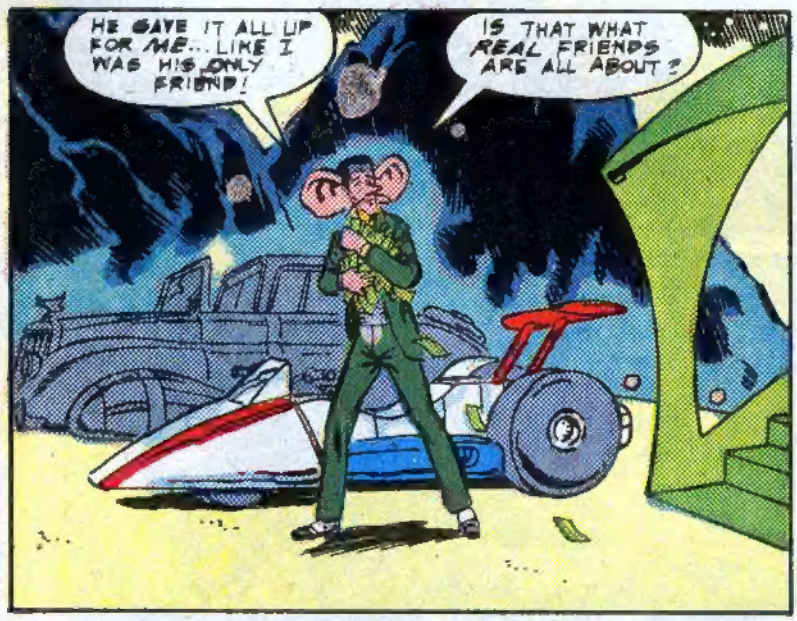

HARDWARE, YOU MORON! HE WON!

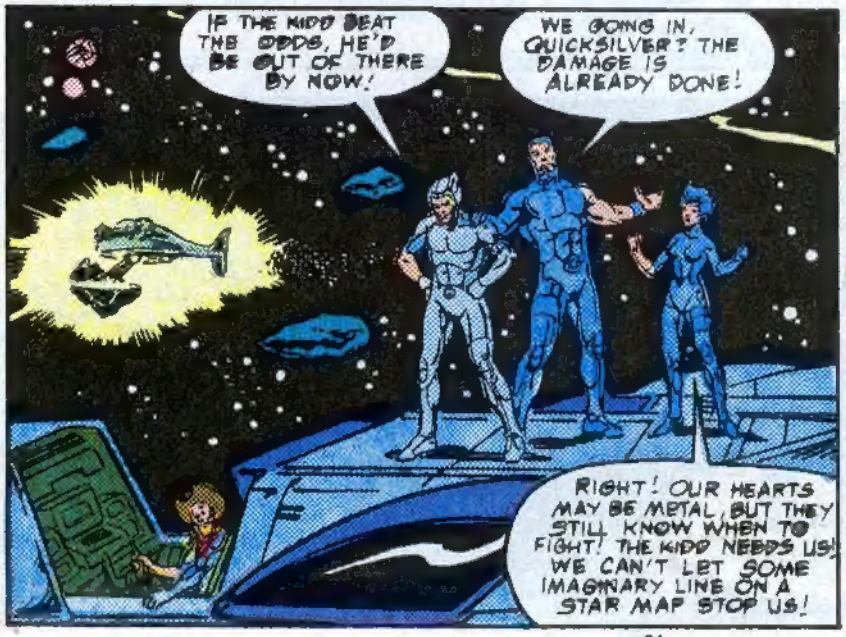
IMPOSSIBLE! AN OVERLOAD IN THE INDUCER WAS CAUSED WHEN HIS COPPER SKIN CONDUCTED THE CIRCUIT THROUGH HIS CONSOLE! A MILLION-TO-ONE SHOT!
A MILLION TO ONE...
YOU DID IT, KIDD! THANKS... A MILLION!!! HA HA!
THE BET'S OFF, COPPER KIDD!
SNORRRT!
WITH THE MOB... EVEN IF YOU WIN... YOU LOSE!
WHOMP
KRASH!

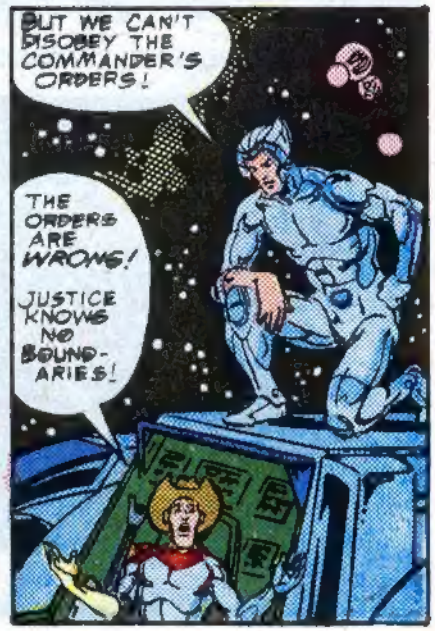

THE KIDD'S BOUGHT IT „NOTHING I CAN DO„ I GOT MY MONEY!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!


HE GAVE IT ALL UP FOR ME... LIKE I WAS HIS ONLY FRIEND!
IS THAT WHAT REAL FRIENDS ARE ALL ABOUT?

IS THAT WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SHOW ME? THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE! BUT HOW? WHAT CAN I DO? AND SHOULD I?


IF THE KIDD BEAT THE ODDS, HE'D BE OUT OF THERE BY NOW!
WE GOING IN, QUICKSILVER? THE DAMAGE IS ALREADY DONE!
RIGHT! OUR HEARTS MAY BE METAL, BUT THEY STILL KNOW WHEN TO FIGHT! THE KIDD NEEDS US! WE CAN'T LET SOME IMAGINARY LINE ON A STAR MAP STOP US!


BUT WE CAN'T DISOBEY THE COMMANDER'S ORDERS!
THE ORDERS ARE WRONG!
JUSTICE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BLUEGRASS... THE KIDD KNEW THAT FROM THE START. IT MIGHT COST US EVERYTHING, BUT... WE'RE CROSSING THE LINE!
HEY, LOOK! SOMEONE JUST FIRED UP THE CASINO'S ENGINES!
RRRAAA!
SNORT!
WHO STARTED THE ENGINES!?!
AARRGH! WE'RE MOVING FOWARD!
OOFF!
GET HIM!
I'M TRYING!
BLAM
STARSHIP CASINO
THE STARSHIP CASINO IS COMING TO US!!
IT'S CROSSING THE BOUNDARY!
THE KIDD BEAT THEM ALL!
AND NOW HE'S BRINGING IN THE WHOLE SHOW!

MOMENTS LATER...
EASY, EVERYBODY... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL FIND, BUT AT LEAST IT'S IN OUR TERRITORY, NOW!
YEEEHAW!! WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?!
!
HEY, I CALL THAT JUSTICE!
THE COMMANDER SURE WILL BE SURPRISED! BECAUSE WE'VE CAPTURED THE ENTIRE CASINO, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET OFF WITH ONLY A REPRIMAND, KIDD!
HOW DID YOU GET TO THE ENGINES, KIDD? HOW DID YOU MOVE THE CASINO INTO SILVERHAWK JURISDICTION!?
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I DID IT... FOR MY FRIEND THE COPPER KIDD!
YOU REALLY SHOWED ME, KIDD. I NEVER KNEW HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO HELP SOMEONE ...
... NO MATTER THE COST!
THE END